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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Colarusso et al.
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Title:	DEFORMED REINFORCING BAR SPlice AND METHOD
Group Art Unit:	3679
Examiner:	Ferguson, M.P.
Applicant File No:	ERIC.P0307US July 27, 2004

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**ELECTION REQUIREMENT**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 2 showing a taper thread connection. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-13, 15-20, and 22-25.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-17. The election is made with traverse.